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Below is a working draft of the 21st century skills description which serves as discussion material only.

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Colorado's description of 21st century skills is a synthesis of the essential abilities students must apply in our fast changing world. These essentials skills are:

- Critical thinking and reasoning (for example, but not limited to: problem solving, analysis, logic, cause/effect)
- Information literacy (for example, but not limited to: knowledge acquisition, source discernment, systems management)
- Collaboration (for example, but not limited to: synergy, team resourcing, social skills, leadership)
- Self-direction (for example, but not limited to: adaptability, initiative, personal responsibility, work ethics, self-advocacy)
- Invention (for example, but not limited to: creativity, innovation, integration of ideas)

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